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In the Matter of
Proposal for Creation of the Low Power FM
(LPFM) Broadcast Service
FCC RM- 9242 & 9208

To: Federal Communications Commission,

Reply-Comments of Steve Stemmerman

On July 16th, I spent a few hours at the Lawrence Community Radio table at the annual Lawrence sidewalk sale. Much of the time was spent talking to people about how their low power community access station had been replaced by a scratchy signal broadcast via translator from Twin Falls, Idaho, and of our plans for returning. They expressed their support and hoped we would be back on the air soon. The enclosed petitions were all signed at the sale.

I've seen some of the opposition responses to the proposed rule making changes, with the bulk reflecting fears by those in the profession, fears that would be largely eliminated with proper licensing procedures. What's left is likely the real fear: added competition from community oriented sources. I found the professional support for LPFM much more interesting, the Community Radio Coalition response letter very much deserves your attention. Professional radio does have much to gain by the allowance of low power community access.

The benefits of competition was an argument used by those in support of the recent Telecommunications Act, I find no advantage to the public interest in repressing the spirit of competition now, particularly when the nature of the competition fostered by low power radio is driven by something other than profit. As a result of our stations experience, I noticed the local commercial station began doing interviews with groups such as the Lawrence Coalition for Peace and Justice. Interviews with a wide range of community groups had always been one of our staples. Our local paper started giving much more attention to the Roger Hill Volunteer Center after they began broadcasting community volunteer opportunities on our station. The local student station began to broaden their programming range after our strong student support showed that young adults tastes extend well beyond college rock. The biggest asset to low power radio is it's potential for community involvement, this hasn't gone unnoticed by those in the professional media, and their lack of coverage of these rule change proposals is quite telling.

We live in a nation founded on democratic principals, and we also find ourselves in a time of unprecedented media consolidation. How can granting viable citizen access to the radio be considered anything other than beneficial to the culture of this country? The decisions you are about to make will be a pivotal point in our nations history, may you chose wisely.

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